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# Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

PARTOVI ET AL.

**Examiner**

ADNAN M. MIRZA

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**Period for Reply**

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13, 15, 16 and 32-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13, 15, 16 and 32-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 10-13,15,16,32-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts et al (U.S. 6,101,486) and Gilmour et al (U.S. 6,421,669)

3. As per claims 10,34,37 Roberts disclosed a method receiving request to add a data set of a second user profile to first user profile from a first user, the first user profile is associated with a first user and second user profile is associated with a second user; wherein the request is detected when the first user to accesses a URL, provided by the second user to the first user, Wherein the URL includes a unique identifier for identifying the second user profile; identifying the data set from the second user profile based on the unique identifier (Roberts, col. 5, lines 15-25).

However Roberts did not disclose in detail, “determining if the request includes a cookie that is associated with the first user profile adding the data set of the second user profile to the first user profile in response to determining that the request includes the cookie that is associated with the first user profile”.

In the same field of endeavor Gilmour disclosed, “Subsequently when the user chooses to send the message using the appropriate control on the particular e-mail client, the email address of the knowledge gathering server is email address of the knowledge gathering server is appended to the blind copy list for the message. The profiling system encrypts and encodes the following information into the message header, for transmission to and decoding by the knowledge gathering system (col. 12, lines 4-12)”.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated Subsequently when the user chooses to send the message using the appropriate control on the particular e-mail client, the email address of the knowledge gathering server is email address of the knowledge gathering server is appended to the blind copy list for the message. The profiling system encrypts and encodes the following information into the message header, for transmission to and decoding by the knowledge gathering system in the method and system of Roberts as taught by Gilmour to provide efficiently enable applications to share functionality, preferably from a single interface and that provide the flexibility scalability and user-friendliness and make it Financially valuable

3. As per claim 11 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed wherein the second user identifier is a parameter specified in the URL (Roberts, col. 2, lines 53-63).

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4. As per claim 12 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed wherein the data set comprises a name and a telephone number (Roberts, col. 2, lines 53-63).
5. As per claim 13 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed wherein the data set is a vCard (Roberts, col. 2, lines 53-63).
6. As per claim 15 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed wherein the second user identifier comprises a user-ID corresponding to the second user (Roberts, col. 5, lines 15-25).
7. As per claim 16 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed wherein the second user identifier enterprises a telephone identifying information corresponding to the second user (Roberts, col. 5, lines 15-25).
8. As per claims 32,35 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed further comprising: requesting that the first user present authenticating information when the single request does not include a cookie that is associated with the first user profile; identifying the first user profile based on the authenticating information and adding the data set to the first user profile (Roberts, col. 5, lines 16-24).

9. As per claims 33,36 Roberts- Gilmour disclosed further comprising: creating a new user profile when the single request does not include a cookie that is associated with first user profile; and adding the data set to the new user profile (Gilmour, col. 19, lines 40-59).

***Response to Arguments***

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10-13, 15, 16, 32-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

12. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)-272-3933. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

13. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR

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system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at (866)-217-9197 (toll-free).

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Examiner

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